



State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water

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PWS No. ##10###

Administrator's / Manager's First and Last Name

Contact Person's Position

Water System Name

Street Address

City, CA Zip

RESCISSION AND REISSUANCE OF GENERAL ORDER FOR MONITORING OF NAME OF THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM (PWS NO. ##10###) – PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES

There is increasing statewide concern regarding the possible contamination of drinking water supplies by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). In response, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or board) initiated a comprehensive effort to investigate the nature and scope of the issue. As part of this effort, the State Water Board adopted General Orders DW 2020-0003-DDW and DW-2021-0001-DDW, one of which required your system to test for PFAS in accordance with the terms of the order.

The State Water Board Division of Drinking Water issued Order DW 2022-0001-DDW, which completely rescinded and replaced Orders DW 2020-0003-DDW and DW-2021-0001-DDW.

You are receiving this letter because one or more water sources for your public water system is required to test under Order DW 2022-0001-DDW. Please review the attached Order carefully to determine the applicable requirements.

Exhibit A (attached) lists the public water system sources that require testing under this Order. Exhibit B (attached) lists the PFAS chemicals targeted for monitoring, aligning with EPA analytical method 533, and provides minimum detection levels. Effective January 1, 2023, all public water systems listed in Exhibit A must begin monitoring the identified sources for PFAS chemicals listed in Exhibit B and report all findings to the State Water Board – unless otherwise specified. Monitoring shall consist of quarterly samples beginning with the first calendar quarter of 2023 and continuing until further notice. If the listed source(s) are no longer in service, please notify your respective Division of Drinking Water District (DDW) District office immediately.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In 2018, the Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, Assembly Bill 756 (AB 756). AB 756, which was codified as Health and Safety Code section 116378, provided the State Water Board with specific and increased authority to require public water systems to monitor for PFAS. AB756 also increases the public notification process by varying degrees based on the concentration of PFAS detection. DDW developed a Frequently Asked Questions (AB 756 FAQ) to assist water systems.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 116378, DDW is issuing the enclosed Order requiring testing for PFOA and PFOS along with all additional analytes in the approved DDW testing methodology. As specified in the enclosed Order, your drinking water system sources that are specifically listed in the Order are at risk for potential contamination by PFAS due to its proximity with other water sources known to have confirmed PFAS detections.

Links to additional resources are provided below:

AB756 FAQ:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/documents/pfos_and_pfoa/pfas_ab756_factsheet.pdf

PFAS sampling guidelines:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/pfas/docs/march_pfas_sampling_guidelines.pdf

The State Water Board's PFAS investigation focused on drinking water with additional links to background information, previous investigation results, health information, Notification Levels, Response Levels, and other useful information:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/pfas/drinking_water.html

The State Water Board's PFAS investigation home page which includes many useful links, including a listing of ELAP accredited labs to test for PFAS using EPA method 533:

<https://waterboards.ca.gov/pfas>

Any person who is aggrieved by this Order may file a petition with the State Water Board for reconsideration of this Order. Information regarding filing petitions may be found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml

The State Water Board appreciates the hard work of California's Public Water Systems in maintaining safe drinking water at all times. The information gathered from the enclosed Order will assist the State Water Board in its mission to protect water resources and to address risks to health caused by PFAS in drinking water.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at [insert DE email contact].

Sincerely,

First Name Last Name, P.E.
District Engineer
Division of Drinking Water
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

cc: LPA email contact (for LPA systems only)